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SUBJ: IMCO - MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY. THIRTY-SIX STATES REPRESENTED AT FIRST MEETING OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC). ERIKSSON (SWEDEN) ELECTED CHAIRMAN, WHILE ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN DEFERRED. FIRST TASK ASSIGNED TO NEW COMMITTEE, DEVELOPMENT OF LIST OF SUBSTANCES TO BE ANNEXED TO INTERVENTION PROTOCOL (SEE PARA 5 BELOW), ACCOMPLISHED SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE REVIEW BY AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETING IN PARALLEL WITH FULL COMMITTEE MARCH 4-6. FINAL TEXT,

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OF MEPC RULES OF PROCEDURE, WHICH PRECIPITATED CONTENTIOUS AND PROTRACTED DEBATE MARCH 4-5 (SEE PARA 6 BELOW), NOW BEING PREPARED IN DRAFTING GROUP IN LIGHT OF PROVISIONAL DECISIONS TAKEN IN PLENARY. FUTURE WORK PROGRAM, ITS ORGANIZATION, AND PROCEDURES FOR APPROACHING IT STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AS OF RESUMPTION OF MEETING MARCH 7. END SUMMARY.

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2. FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF MEPC OPENED

MARCH 4 WITH THIRTY-SIX STATES REPRESENTED, OBSERVER PRESENT FROM BURMA, AND OBSERVER DESIGNATED FROM THREE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (UNEP, FAO, UNESCO), FROM TEN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (INCLUDING FOE), AND FROM EEC. ERIKSSON (SWEDEN) ELECTED TO CHAIR BY ACCLAMATION (WITH DECISION YET TO BE TAKEN UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE WHETHER TERMS OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO BE ONE OR TWO YEARS).

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN DEFERRED FROM OPENING DAY WITHOUT OBJECTION AND REMAINS TO BE TAKEN UP. WHILE FEELING AMONG DELEGATIONS IS THAT (IN VIEW OF ELECTION OF SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE AS CHAIRMAN) OFFICE VICE CHAIRMAN MUST GO TO LDC, CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS HAVE YET TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE LDC CANDIDATE READY TO ACCEPT.

4. PROVISIONAL AGENDA ADOPTED WITH DELETION OF WORDS QUOTE CASUALTIES INVOLVING UNQUOTE IN ITEM 4B FOR ACCURACY.

5. COMMITTEE FIRST TOOK UP BRIEFLY ITEM 5 (DEVELOPMENT OF LIST OF SUBSTANCES TO BE ANNEXED TO INTERVENTION PROTOCOL TO 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION) AND AGREED TO DETACH AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP LIST ON BASIS OF PROPOSALS OFFERED BY US, SWEDEN AND UK. LIST DEVELOPED BY GROUP WILL BE CONSIDERED BY FULL MEPC (PROBABLY MARCH 8) AND CIRCULATED THEREAFTER TO STATES PREPARATORY TO ADOPTION AT SECOND MEETING OF MEPC NEXT FALL. LIST WHICH HAS EVOLVED THUS FAR MEETS MOST DESIDERATA OF US.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR NEW COMMITTEE UNAVOIDABLY REOPENED ARGUMENTS OVER DIFFERENT

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PERCEPTIONS DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO HOLD ABOUT (A) HOW MEPC SHALL PERFORM "FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT OF A CONVENTION," (B) WHETHER "FUNCTIONS" SHOULD BE INTERPRETED NARROWLY (ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS ONLY) OR MORE BROADLY, (C) STAGE AT WHICH NON-IMCO MEMBERS PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS ACQUIRE VOTING RIGHTS, (D) STATE AT WHICH IMCO MEMBERS NOT PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS RELINQUISH VOTING RIGHTS, (E) PROVISION FOR REPORTING AS IMCO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE THROUGH COUNCIL TO ASSEMBLY, WHILE 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION PROVIDES FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEPC TO BE CIRCULATED DIRECTLY TO STATES BY IMCO SECRETARY GENERAL, (F) QUORUM REQUIREMENT. WHILE WORKING GROUP OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY TO PREPARE FINAL DRAFT OF RULES, AT US INSISTENCE ALL MAJOR ISSUES RESOLVED AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE IN DAY AND HALF PLENARY DISCUSSION TO ASSURE WORKING GROUP WOULD HAVE CHARACTER OF FINAL DRAFTING PARTY, AND NOT LEAD TO COMPREHENSIVE NEW AIRING OF ISSUES IN PLENARY THEREAFTER. AT ALL

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WHO PERCEIVE OF MEPC IN BROAD TERMS AS "APPROPRIATE BODY" PERFORMING "FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT OF A CONVENTION." EXPECTATION IS THAT WORKING GROUP, WHICH TOOK UP FINAL DRAFTING MARCH 6, WILL REPORT OUT TEXT ACCEPTABLE MOST IMPORTANT RESPECTS TO US. SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL, QUORUM FOR MEPC HAS BEEN SET BY COMPROMISE AT TWENTY.

7. EXAMINATION OF MEPC TERMS OF REFERENCE, UNDER WHICH BOTH SECRETARIAT AND US PAPERS (STATE 38906) INTRODUCED, SET STAGE FOR CONSIDERATION OF CATEGORIES

OF MEPC ACTIVITY, PRIORITIES, FUTURE WORK PROGRAM,
AND APPROACHES TO IT. THIS DISCUSSION NOW UNDERWAY
IN PLENARY.

8. MEETING EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE AS SCHEDULED MARCH 8.

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